## RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY

## RE: COUNTY CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER & CHIEF DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, the right to effective assistance of counsel is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, all indigent defense expenses are paid by the counties including the salary of chief public defenders and chief deputy defenders; and

WHEREAS, the state pays the salary and other compensation provided to judges; and

WHEREAS, the state pays the salary and other compensation provided to prosecuting attorneys chief deputy prosecuting attorneys;

BE IT RESOLVED, the County Commissioners of LaPorte County urge the Indiana General Assembly to enact legislation that authorizes the state to pay the salaries and fringe benefits of chief public defenders and chief deputy public defenders, and appropriate an amount sufficient to pay for these positions.

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